

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Various claims are being amended as shown above. The claim amendments clarify the claim language and are not intended to limit the scope of the claims, unless the claim language is expressly quoted in the following remarks to distinguish over the cited art.

In section 1 of the office action, claims 1-2, 5-7, 10-12, 15-17, 20-23, and 25-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §11, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In response to this rejection, the claims are being amended above to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

For the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

In section 4 of the office action, claims 1-2, 5-7, 10-12, 15-17, 20-21, and 29-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Boukobza (USP 6,122,664). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Boukobza discloses an autonomous agent (SAA) in node N1 and a separate management node, where the autonomous agent sends "useful information" to the separate management node. (see Figure 1 and column 2, lines 39-46). Boukobza does not disclose a container that reads a message from a queue and passes configuration information to the component. Boukobza also discloses each autonomous agent

(SAA) that performs reconfiguration of the node N1.

Therefore, Boukobza does not disclose nor suggest the various features recited in claim 1.

Claim 1 distinguishes over Boukobza at least by reciting a method, including "*sending, by the Central Administrator, configuration information and a message indicating that a component is to be modified or replaced, where the message is sent to a queue of the component; reading, by a container, the message from the queue, and passing, by the container, the configuration information to the component; and controlling, by the Central Administrator, the modifying or replacing of the component*", and these recited features are not disclosed in Boukobza.

Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over Boukobza.

Similarly, independent claims 6, 11, 16, and 29 have been amended to recite similar limitations. Accordingly, for at least the reasons discussed above, claims 6, 11, 16, and 29 are each patentable over Boukobza.

Various dependent claims depend from various ones of claims 1, 6, 11, 16, and 29 and are each patentable over Boukobza for at least the same reasons that their respective base claim is patentable over Boukobza. These various dependent claims further distinguish over Boukobza by reciting additional features. Accordingly, these various dependent claims are patentable over Boukobza.

For the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102.

In section 4 of the office action, claims 1-2, 5-7, 10-12, 15-17, 20-23, and 25-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Jarriel (USP 6,553,403). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Jarriel discloses a runtime environment (Figure 5) installed at a managed computer 16 (Figure 1), where an event routing module 52b (Figure 5) in a distributed monitor (in managed computer 16) sends an event to convey status change of a monitored object. Jarriel only discloses the routing of events to locations that are internal or external to a distributed monitor within the runtime environment. Jarriel also discloses monitoring agents that perform the response for out-of-tolerance conditions. Therefore, Jarriel does not disclose nor suggest the various features recited in claim 1.

Claim 1 distinguishes over Jarriel at least by reciting a method, including "sending, by the Central Administrator, configuration information and a message indicating that a component is to be modified or replaced, where the message is sent to a queue of the component; reading, by a container, the message from the queue, and passing, by the container, the configuration information to the component; and controlling, by the Central Administrator, the modifying or replacing of the component", and these recited features are not disclosed in Jarriel.

Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over Jarriel.

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for at least the reasons discussed above, claims 6, 11, 16, and 29 are each patentable over Jarriel.

For the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

If the undersigned attorney has overlooked a teaching in any of the cited references that is relevant to the allowability of the claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to specifically point out where such teachings may be found.

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If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (805) 681-5078.

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